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Unassigned 2 yr. Alt.
Tom Reynolds, Ex-Officio

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting April 13, 2004

Present: Jim Blouin, Allyson Gourley, Chuck Metcalf, John Nikias,
Carol Wilson, Tom Reynolds, Bob Thomas

Minutes:

Meeting convened at 7:35 pm.

1. Review of Minutes: Approved with 3 corrections noted.
2. Pubic Comment: No public comment
5. Chase Park
 - a. Picnic tables damaged (Jim)
 - b. Reduced hours (chuck)
 - c. Gate – Selectmen approved relocation of an existing gate.
Carl will install the gate once the water level goes down.
 - d. New fee schedule - \$3,000. line item (try to recoup thru fees)
 - No launch fee
 - \$20. boat sticker
 - No free weekend

Discussion about the \$3,000. approved for a milfoil inspector.

John Proper initiated discussion about the NH. Lakes Association. Jim Blouin said he thought that costs could run around \$1,500. He suggested that the Horace Lake Land Owners association pay the fees to join the NH. Lakes Association.

3. Chase Park Summer Help:
 - Carol went over lifeguard policies
 - All employees will receive lifeguard training

- Returning employees discussed (6 returning)
 - Hot Dog ladies will work weekdays (not weekends)
 - Discussion of developing a policy regarding milfoil inspections; ie. Can boat launch if milfoil is found and removed?
5. e. Spring Clean-up day (no date set, but should be before Memorial Day)
 - f. Leave park open during night hours (Not discussed)
 - g. Buoy's to go back into lake (Not discussed)
 - h. New position for exotic weed control (see below)

Other Chase Park issues discussed:

- Jim mentioned that he wants the employees to place more emphasis on keeping the park clean.
 - Chuck discussed the stickers – different colors for cars and boats (keep track of how many of each are sold). It was suggested that they not be silver or black.
 - New t-shirts for employees that don't already have them.
 - It was suggested that we build a new lifeguard chair.
 - John asked that we instruct the gate attendants to take down license plate #'s of cars that speed, do donuts in parking lot, etc.
 - Need to discuss procedures for the cash box.
4. Horace Lake Land Association – Fireworks (Rob Moore, Representing the Horace Lake land Owners Association)

Rob acknowledged that there had been some problems last year. He told the Commission that it should not be necessary for the park to close early this year. He said he thought the tubes could be set-up (unloaded) while people are still in the park. He said he would clear this with the Fire Chief. Jim Blouin requested that he get approval in writing from the Chief regarding set-up procedures while people are still using the park.

Chuck discussed time constraint concerns – not closing park early and still having fireworks ready to go off before it is late in evening. He said he was pleased with the clean-up of debris last year.

Rob asked if Chase Park would be open at all before Memorial Day. Chuck answered probably not.

Discussion about selecting a day or weekend to open the boat ramp – possibly May 15.

Chuck asked Tom if he could have the Selectmen set a public hearing to vote on the recommended increased fees.

5. h. Exotic Weed Inspector – 2 positions

- hours: 6:00 – 9:00pm.
- June, July, August

- Boat ramp will be locked after 9:00pm. The question was raised as to whether the park gate should remain open after 9:00pm.
- Carol said she will work on pamphlets to hand out to residents when they purchase their stickers.

6. Directors Report

- a. Jim discussed upcoming concerts and senior trips
- b. Discussion regarding the lawn care contract (Jeff Denning) had been selected by the selectmen under negotiations. Also discussed was star-up of the irrigation at Bolton (Murtha); Jim did not have a price at this time.
- c. Signs for Bolton Field:

Chuck stated that we need to start mounting the advertising signs. Also, he received a memo from Naomi Bolton requesting permission to install the granite sign that the Bolton family has purchased for the fields.

- Chuck motion: Install sign as outlined in the memo
- Allyson 2nd motion – approved (unanimous)

d. Other:

Jim said he will advertise on Channel 6 for the Exotic Weed Inspector Positions.

Jim announced that Lake Day with Amy Smagula, Exotic Weeds Specialist from NHDES, will be July 12 at 10:00am.

Discussion regarding funds.

Jim recognized all the volunteers that helped spruce up the athletic fields on spring clean-up day.

Jim also mentioned that more work needs to be done at Bolton Field; the bases need to be relocated.

Discussion regarding fertilizing the athletic fields. Jim

estimated the cost to have Chem-Lawn do the work would run approximately \$5,000. to \$10,000. He said he is looking into purchasing the fertilizer and doing the work ourselves to keep the cost down. We would need to purchase a spreader. Jim asked if he was authorized to purchase a spreader that would fit his lawn tractor.

Tom inquired regarding the status of the "Playground Committee" on behalf of the Lions Club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.